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REMARKS

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1. At the beginning of February 1954, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau (3401), was still occupied by about 3,500 troops who wore tank insignia and, in some instances, artillery or engineer insignia. Troops engaged in intensive training activity which predominantly included small-arm firing practice. Several tanks were seen driving to the Gross-Kuehnau training area in early February.

2. Between early and mid-February, the units from the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau continuously engaged in two-day practices with T-34 tanks and 57-mm AT guns on the drill grounds west of Dessau airfield.

3. Between February and early March, the barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau was still occupied by about 5,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. Exercises with tanks and infantry weapons were conducted in and outside the barracks area. On 18 February, 18 JS-2 tanks and 10 T-34/85 tanks were parked at the installation. The exercises outside the barracks are usually involved 300 to 700 troops.

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4. In February and early March, the Flak Kaserne in Dessau-Kochstedt (3241) quartered about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops trained with tanks, AA guns and received infantry drill. Several 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns, and 2 JS-2 tanks were identified. On 22 February, about 300 soldiers and 3 JS-2 tanks were seen en route from the installation toward the wooded area near Kochstedt, where they practiced attacking under tank protection.

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5. The cantonment east of Gross-Kuehnau still quartered only a guard detail of 30 to 50 men at the beginning of March.

6. On 11 February, a shipment of 48 trucks, 6 x AA guns of about 85-mm and 350 soldiers were unloaded at Dessau railroad station. The unit departed toward Kochstedt.

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1. Comment. The barracks installation in Dessau-Rosslau still quarters the bulk of the 7th Gds Tank Div

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2. Comment. The bulk of the 62d AAA Div is confirmed in the barracks installation in Kochstedt. the installation quarters a unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div.

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